

(From the Eclectic.)

THOMAS HOOD and CHARLES LAMB were friends.

"On such a hurry as thrust in your objection, like bad news, foremost. Perhaps the paper would have been made the obnoxious feature. I have endeavoured there to remedy it by a voluntary duty—good in place, but never, as I remember, in my own person. The charge of an unbecoming formality. Rightly taken, that charge will do us no against grace; but want of grace, not against the grace itself, which was the cause and alibi for its often observed in the performance of it."

"Or was it *that* on the 'New Year,' in which I have considered the feelings of the merely natural man, on a consideration of the things which he might expect to take place on our removal from this fleshly scene? If men would honestly confess their misgivings (which few men do) they would find that they are not alone in their beliefs, has ruled under questionings of such staggering obscurity. I do not accuse you of this weakness. There are scepticisms which do nothing out of shaking hands to the guidance of faith—there are those who hold no robes at all (their Human Confidence their leader, whom they mistake for Faith), and investing themselves beforehand with the assurance of what they may expect, they take no pains, and finding to their supposed good and stature in godliness, as the cost they left off yesterday—some who we have seen upon crutches—others who stalk into fatuity upon stilts."

"The contemplation of a Spiritual World—which, without the aid of the living conscience, is enough to shake some natures to the ground—is a common thing to see or share, who shall float over the black billows, in their little boat of No-Disturb, as unconsciously as over a sea of glass. It is a common thing to see a man, in his speech, say, as upon earth—and in a moment, in a very weakishness—for a dream—while no more—would be so content, for a reward of a life of virtue (if he could secure himself of it)—and then, in the next breath, to turn his portion with those he loved, and was made to love in this good world, which he knows—which was created so lovingly, and so abundantly, and so richly, and so full of excellencies—that he might require indefinite additions of power, knowledge, beauty, glory, &c.—is ready to forsake the familiar home—the dear intimacies of earth, and the old familiar face. The man who is thus torn between the modifications of our constitution; and Mr. Frobie Mind, or Mr. Great Heart, is born in every one of us."

"We cannot go around pointing to that letter and querent conceals. The letters are quaintest and full of the writer's amiable humour. He says:—"

"Sir, you were pleased (you know where) to have me in compliance with the wholesome forms and doctrines of the church of England. I take your advice with as much liking as I can. I am a Dissenter, and I am a Dissenter rather more than reasonable. I am a Dissenter..... Perhaps I have scruples to some of your forms and doctrines, and I am a Dissenter. I am a Dissenter. The last time I was in any of your places of worship was on Easter Sunday last. I had the satisfaction of listening to a sermon, and I was a Dissenter. I am a Dissenter. I was moved with great propriety of your bishop. The place was Westminster Abbey. As each religion as I have been always acted on me more by way of sentiment than of reason, and I am a Dissenter. I am a Dissenter. ended by an unbecoming transition, to pass over to some serious feelings, impossible to be disconnected from the subject, and I am a Dissenter. I am a Dissenter. I was not, I was debased that privileges even for those who I know as a few minutes; and turned like a dog or some probable person, out into the common street, with feelings which I myself did not know how to express. I am a Dissenter. I am a Dissenter. I do not know that I shall ever venture myself again into one of your churches."

"All things look odd. It is scarcely possible to believe that I do not know, that they are the product of our time. They are the words of the age of old Fuller, or Sir Thomas Brown. His words and essays are like those of a man thinking aloud—words taken down by a reporter behind the bookshelves or the curtains. There is about him always a kind of fear lest you should find him out. He is always gentlemanly, polite, learned, and pleasant. But if you catch him talking about himself, it is in a kind of soliloquy. Such people are always a problem. We look forward to their journals with avidity. The diary of Talkative is its interest, but the diary of a speechless thinker would be far more so."

"Man is dear to man;" and those writers are dearest to us to whom man has been most indebted—to us as an idealisation, or an abstraction, or a theory;—we care more either get out of their own souls, or tell us more of ourselves than men who are a perpetual puzzle to themselves; man who, dazed at the mystery of their own being—who at the mystery of being in-itself—turn, by way of refreshment and rest, to other beings like themselves.

A man in a cage is always an interesting object. When we were a youngster we saw regularly pass our door a rough fellow, who certainly never excited our attention or regard but he committed some breach of the peace—was locked in the old cage in the broadway, as was the wont in those times, when policemen and station-houses were not; and then we, and many others, like ourselves, went and stood gazing at the poor fellow, safe in that mystery behind the bars. He liked all round him, had suddenly become most interesting to us by his immurement. This is the interest of many lives. They charm away the spell of some of the more heavy and iron padlock secrets, and headcuff mysteries of the soul, by carrying about with them a bunch of private keys, with which they admit their friends into strange little secret crypts and wards, while yet the great hidden inner city of their soul, through which they are constantly walking, remains unexplored and unknown. And here again is the humourist's grief of life. As we have hinted, Hood strikes us as by no means as so awful a being as Lamb. He had never been smitten, stricken, and afflicted as Lamb—dear to us as he was among all sorts of men than Lamb did; and he worked the less culture of the mystery within us. Of course, when sorrow strikes, what it evokes depends as much upon what is stricken as upon that which gives the blow. He had his griefs. They were like those we all have known, or may know—griefs like those which appear in his recently published letters. His excellent and ingenuous son, for whom we will all wish a heart, and life, and fame as noble and stainless as his father's, says that looking over some old papers of his father's, he found a few tiny curls of golden hair, as soft as the finest silk, wrapped in a yellow and time-worn paper, inscribed in his father's handwriting:—

"Little eyes that scarce did see,
And little lips that scarce did speak;
Alas! my little dear dead child,
Dead is thy father, and not me,
But embraced thee soon as he."

Are they not very sweet and natural lines, on the little first-born child, of the poet, and the like of these, as well? Hood was a notable being, but he struck the popular nerve, and did not mean the human nerve—more immediately than Lamb. We have already said that his genius was nearer to Lamb's to the wrath of life, to passion, and to satire. His gentleness must be roused to indignation. We have no knowledge that Lamb's ever was. Hood's, when poverty was injured, as we know, leapt into flame and smote the wrong.

Hood had a nimble-footed verse, that could run, leap, trot, gallop, and also kick. He could do all things with that same verse of his. He might have been the Sam Butler of his age; and, indeed, his ode to Rae Wilson is not wanting in some certain Hudibrastic characteristics. We suppose one great feature in the writings of Hood is that, in a very memorable way he hit hard blows on some of the sins of society, especially on some of the religious sins. We know that he wrote people—for we are religious people—that knew that he was writing to be very fearless—snow white. Our garments are all made of bishops' lawn—coats, gowns, breeches, bonnets, and all—and mud won't stick upon them. Still, some people say to the contrary. It has been thought that we occasionally send preaching to a little. It has been supposed that we have our peccadilloes. Then, as it is a well known and carefully ascertained fact, that preachers cannot talk plainly to their own people—people could scarcely be expected

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ACTIVE FIRE.—A serious fire broke out at the Gold Home, Broadwood, about one o'clock on Sunday morning. Within a few minutes the fire had spread to the neighboring premises, and the fire department was sent to check the spread of the conflagration, the stable, which was attached a back shed and store, was completely destroyed. There were four horses in the stable at the time, which were with some difficulty rescued. A considerable loss of hay and straw was destroyed contained in the building. The damage is estimated at over \$400. —Broadwood.

WOLLOMBI.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]
May 1st.—Since my last nothing of note has occurred, except in the variability of the weather. Last week we experienced a few frosty mornings, while the present has been nothing but fog, with occasional slight thunder storms towards evening. Little rain has, however, fallen, the cry amongst the farmers still being softer ground for ploughing.

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[From the Adelaide Observer.]

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OFFICE FIXTURES (also stores, New Sale-cty.), at MASONS' BROTHERS (also stores, New Sale-cty.), at 15, Bridge-street, FOR SALE, by the undersigned, (so to seem in working order at the foundry of) **STEAM ENGINES** &c. the celebrated makers of D. Young and Co., of Perth, N. SMITH, BROTHERS, and Co., 14, Macquarie-place.

HORSE-POWER, for sale, made by Chapman & Co., of Glasgow, and other celebrated makers, in the best cutting, &c., can be warranted by one or two horses. **STEEL**, Market Ward.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Ahorns, GATHERING the Whitest, Blue.—The early use of this ointment prevents the formation of the disease, and danger. After preventing the affected parts in warm water, and drying with a towel, Holloway's Ointment should be constantly applied, and continued till cured. Sold by **SARRY and MCGROVER**, in King-street, Sydney.

Elegant cash photos, by Wilson, Northampton
Daguer, by Linn, disto.
Sociables and driving photos.
And at their store, 130, York-street,
A very large and varied selection of second-hand
vehicles.

100,000 FEET A. I. 1 inch G and T FLOOR-
ING, GOODLET and SMITH,
Victoria Saw Mills.

150,000 FEET Baltic and Oregon Plank, Scant-
ling, and Boards at reduced rates;
also, H. T. Hardwood, Shingles, and Palings. GOODLET
and SMITH, Victoria Saw Mills, Barkins-street, branch
yard, Portmaithe.

2,500 DOORS, Glazed Windows, Monthlins,
Architraves, Skirting, &c. GOODLET
and SMITH, Barkins-street.

BURLINGTON, N.C.
MONDAY, May 28d, at 11 o'clock.

BURT AND CO. will sell by auction, at their
Bazaar, THIS DAY, May 28th, at 11 o'clock,
Amongst others, the following well-known horses:-
A Single
Scamp
Eliza Knight
Sweepy, by Pliskard.
Huckleberry
Teddington
Also, bred by John Eaton, Esq., Docklands Park:-
Cameo, aged 3 years old, by New Warrior imported;
of imported Chassie, by Sweetwater, &c.
Evening, h. g. & years, by Vanguard (so imported)
out of Silverdale, by imported Grizzle, &c.
From other well-known studs:-Several very superior
bred mares.

M. R. MURIEL has been favoured with instructions to sell by public auction, at his new house, opposite the Royal Hotel, on an early day, of what will be a most interesting collection.

An entire and most superb alignment of Chinese-Blue-grape.

***** We will be on view three days previous to the sale, **MONDAY** next, and detailed particulars of the various subjects will appear in to-morrow's issue.

Terence, com.

Ex Annie Wilson.

For Auction Sale, on Messmore's Wharf, MONDAY
AFTERNOON, the 6th instant, at half-past 2 o'clock
prompt.

Flour
Rice
Molasses
Lime Juice

Beans
 Salt
 Preserved Meats
 Little Potatoes
 Oatmeal
 Sterilized Milk
 Split Peas, &c., &c.

NOTHERINGHAM and MULLEN have

I received instructions to sell by public auction, on Macnamara's Wharf, **THIS DAY**, the 5th instant, at half-past 2 o'clock prompt,
Surplus stores, ex Annie Wilson—
Flour
Rice
Molasses

Lime juice
Raisins
Suet
Preserved meats
Dedicated milk
Oatmeal
Spilt peas
Essenced potatoes

Tube, buckete
 Kids, chloride lime, &c., &c.
 Terna, cash.
 Sheathing Felt.
 30 Frames.
 Ex Annie Wilson.

For Auction Sale, on Macnamara's Wharf, THIS (Mon-
day) AFTERNOON.
Time Half-past 2 o'clock prompt,
To Ship Chandlers
To Ship Builders
To Contractors

FOTHERINGHAM and MULLEN have received instructions to sell by auction, at Macnamara's Wharf, Windmill-street, **THIS AFTER-NOON, Monday, May 5, 1892,**
Ex Annie Wilson.

30 frames sheathing felt.
Terms at sale.
In the Estate of Hugh Hill, late of the Boggs River,
squatter.
T. W. BOWDEN is instructed by John
Morris, Esq., official assignee, to sell by

All the right, title, and interest of the assignee in and to about 800 head of cattle and 50 horses, more or less, running on the station lately occupied by the insolvent, on the Bogan River, or in the neighbourhood of the station.

Some further particulars may be obtained on application to the auctioneer.

Terms at sale.

An Allotment of Land in Ambercrombie-place, in the neighbourhood of St. Benedict's Church. A grant by purchase from the Crown, by Mr. Henry Mace, deceased.

T. W. BOWDEN is instructed to sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, 423, George-street, on THURSDAY, the 8th of May. An allotment of land, No. 13, bounded on the west by Abercombie-place, 27 links; on the south by a line bearing north 79 degrees east, 300 links; on the east

by a line bearing north 13 degrees west, 27 links;
and on the north by a line south 79 degrees west,
200 links.

Terms at sale.

Athlone-place, Parramatta-street.

In the Insolvent Estate of Patrick Molloy.

T W. BOWDEN will sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, 423, George-street, on **THURSDAY**, the 8th day of May, at 11 o'clock. The right, title, and interest of John Morris, Esq., the official assignee, in and to an allotment of land, on

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, by T. W. BOWDEN at the Commissioners' Rooms at 10

at 10 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th May, 1862, on account of the Accountant-General of H. M. Navy, the undermentioned unserviceable stores, landed from H. M. Ships:—
Damaged biscuit, flour, cook's skimmings, cakes, bags, hampocks, a large quantity of cordage, &c.; after which, at the same place, on account of the War Department, a quantity of condemned stores, con-

M R. GEORGE L. A. DAVIES will sell by
 auction, at his Rooms 408, Chamber-street

Household furniture and effects, consisting of chests, drawers, low tables, washstands, dining-tables, chiffoniers, and a small invoice of American case and wood bottom chairs—really a beautiful lot.

Also, immediately after the furniture, an invoice of china, glass, and earthenware, dinner service, toilet

ditto, &c., &c. Terms, cash.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE.

A First-rate Investment.
A Substantial BRICK HOUSE in Watt-street, with the
Out-buildings, and the Land connected therewith as

DODDS and CO. have received instructions from B. Hudson, Esq., to sell by auction, on the premises, Watt-street, Newcastle, on MONDAY, 12th May, at 12 o'clock,
All that PIECE OF LAND in Newcastle, containing

eighteen perches, more or less, being one-half part of the land described in the grant, bounded on the west by thirty-three feet of Watt-street; on the south by a line dividing it from allotments 14 and 15, bearing east seven degrees, south two chains and twenty-five links; on the east by a line dividing it from allotment 11 thirty-three feet; and on the north by a line dividing it from allotment 12 thirty-three feet.

On which is erected,
A substantial BRICK TWO-STORIED HOUSE, with
cut-offices and other buildings at the rear.
The house is in thorough repair—newly slated, papered,
&c. It is well adapted for a merchant, as the out-buildings
could be converted into stores, and the two front rooms on

The situation of these premises stands unrivalled in the city of Newcastle, being in the principal street, near to the

wharves, court-houses, banks, and other public buildings. The title is perfect, and the terms liberal.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
Sheriff's Office, Sydney, 31st March, 1892.
Elizabeth Farris v. John Worthington.

BY VIRTUE of the authority given by the

THE ACT of Council 5 Victoria No. 9 the
SHERIFF will cease to be sold by public
auction at noon at the Commercial Hotel King-
street Sydney THIS DAY the 6th day of May next—
unless the writ of FIERI FACIAS herein be previously
satisfied—all the right title and interest of the above-named
defendant of and in the equity of redemption in all that

parcels of land situate on the road from Kissing Point to Bedlam Ferry parish of Hunter's Hill county of Cumberland in the colony of New South Wales commencing at the north-east side of Kissing Point Road at the north-west corner of Sarah Morkins' grant being bounded on the north-west by part of the south-east boundary of Deedy's grant being a line bearing north forty degrees east three chains thence on the north-east by north

thence south one chain thirty-six links thence on the south-east by the north-west boundary of allotment number two being a line bearing south forty degrees west three chains and fifty links to the Kiewit Point Road thence on the south-west by the north-east side of the road from Kiewit Point to Badlam Ferry one hundred and fifty-two

next to the point of commencement such parcel of land being allotment number one of the sub-division into allotments of the said Sarah Morkus' grant. Also all that other parcel of land situate at the road from Kinsling Point to Bedlam Ferry Parish of Hunter's Hill abovementioned commencing on the south boundary of Deedy's grant at a point three chains north-easterly from the north-west corner of Sarah Morkus'

being a line bearing north forty degrees east two chains thence on the north-east by the south-western boundary of allotment number six being a line bearing east forty degrees south five chains forty-four links to a reserved road thence on the south-east by the north-west side of that road being a line bearing south forty degrees west two chains thence on the south-west by the south-east corner of

JOHN PHILAN, Under Sheriff.

